

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the title of the application with the following amended title:

Identification of ~~feline or~~ canine proBNP by immunoassay

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 26 on page 11 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Epitopes may, e.g. be determined by calculation with ProtScale (~~http://www.~~ on the world wide web at expasy.org/tools/protscale.html) according to the algorithm of Fraga S. ("Theoretical prediction of protein antigenic determinants from amino acid sequences.", 1982; Can. J. Chem. 60:2606-2610).